



# A PROCLAMATION,

Containing His MAJESTIES Grace and Favour to His Subjects his His Ancient Kingdom of SCOTLAND.



**H A R L E S**, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, to our Lo-  
vits,  
King at Arms, and his Brethren Heralds, Macers, P rsevents, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs, at  
part conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Gr. ting: For much, as the affection which We have to this  
Our Ancient Kingdom of Scotland, makes Us readily to embrace all occasions, whereby We may witness Our  
zeal to do all things which may be for the advantage and ease of our good Subjects; And We being informed  
by Our right trusty and intirely beloved Cousin and Counsellor, the Duke of Lauderdale, Our Commissio-  
ner, of some things which have been, and still are troublesome and burdosome to Our good Subjects of this  
Our Kingdom: We have thought fit as an Act of Our Royal Bountie, by Our Royal Authority, with  
advice of Our Privy Council, to Declare Our Royal Pleasure, for the ease and satisfaction of Our good Sub-  
jects in manner following.

First, We, with advice foresaid, Do hereby Statute and Enact, and accordingly do freely and absolutely discharge to Our Subjects  
all Rests of Assessments, Monethly maintenance, Loan and Tax, Levies, Out-reiks of Horse and Foot, Excise, tenth and twenty penny:  
And generally all Impositions whatsoever due, or imposed upon this Our Kingdom, any time before Our happy Restauration;  
excepting all sums of money already payed, or bonds given for money (which by Assignations may be conveyed through several hands)  
and all these Particulars above-mentioned, We, with Advice foresaid, do now discharge, notwithstanding of any Commission granted to  
Sir John Weymes of Bogie, or any others for collecting them, or any of them.

We, in like manner, with Advice foresaid, Discharge all rests of the Taxation ordinary and extraordinary, granted to Our Royal Fa-  
ther of blessed memory, by the Parliament in the year of GOD, 1633. Comprehending therein the Taxation of two of ten money  
annual-rents, excepting all sums of money already payed, or bonds granted preceeding the date hereof; And excepting all sums of  
due by any person, lyable for the relief of those who have made payment or given Bond. But in regard the Duke and Duke  
Hamilton, have a right to the Rests of the said Tax: untill they be of cert sums of money acclaimed, as yet rel to  
by Us, conform to a Contract past betwixt our Father, and the Duke of Hamilton, and a Com-  
granted by Us to William now Duke of Hamilton: We do Declare, that We use to satisfy the Duke of Hamilton, and a Com-  
the said Duke after count and reckoning of his intromission with the said ion; In  
Our good Subjects may be made effectual, and enure to them; But prejudice in the n  
right and execution thereupon, ay and untill he be satisfied of what shal be found due to him,  
with the said Taxation.

We do likewise, with advice foresaid, freely and absolutely discharge all such parts of the annuities of  
Restauration: And do suspend the charging for, the receiving or paying of any Annuity due since Our Restauration, ay and untill the Earl  
of Lowdon make account (to any VVe shall appoint for that effect) of what he or his Father received of the saids Annuities: To the  
end We may then declare Our further pleasure, excepting alwayes from this all sums of money  
upon that Account, preceeding the date hereof: And this, notwithstanding of any C  
collecting of the saids Annuities.

We do also, with advice foresaid, freely and absolutely discharge all Fynes imposed by Our  
such as are already payed, or such for which there is bond already given. It is alwayes  
Collectors or Sub collectors from their several Entries in all or any of these particulars,  
thereof, are hereby excepted: And the saids Collectors, Sub-collectors, and others foresaid, de-  
who have or shal have Our Commission for that effect.

And last, We for a further proof of Our affection to Our good Subjects of this Our Kingdom, Do, with advice foresaid, freely and ab-  
solutely grant a general pardon and discharge of all arbitrary and pecunial pains incurred by any of Our Subjects, before the date hereof  
through the contraveining of any Laws, penal Statutes, or publick Acts whatsoever, except such pecunial pains as are already inflicted  
Sentence of our Privy Council, or any other competent Judicatory for any offence committed, And excepting all  
guilty of the Rebellion in the Year 1666. and are not admitted to the benefit of our  
Crimes. And We having given, as said is, so full proof of Our bounty and goodness, this  
ry and pecunial pains, extending even to these against Conventicles, withdrawing from  
We do expect, that this Our unparalleled grace and goodness will oblige all Our good Subjects, to express their due sense of and thankfulness  
for the same, by a more careful observance and due obedience to Our Laws, from which nothing is to be derogate hereby as to their due  
observance in time coming. And to the end, That Our Royal clemency and bounty to Our good Subjects, may be for their full security  
made known to them; Our Will is, and We charge you straitly and command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye passe to the  
Mercat Cross of Edinburgh, and the Market Crosses of all the other Royal Burroughs of this Our Kingdom, and other places needful  
And thereat, in Our Name and authority, with all due Solemnities, by open Proclamation, make publication of the Premises. The which to  
do We commit to you conjunctly and severally Our full power by these Our Letten, delivering them by you duely execute and indorsed  
again to the Bearer. Given under Our Signet at Holy-rood-house the twenty fourth day of March, 1674. And of Our Reign the twenty  
sixth year.

Gibson, Cl. S<sup>ci</sup> Concilii.

God save the King.

